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STABILITY IN DRY AND WET STATES AND MAKING METHODS THEREFOR

NOTICE OF APPEAL

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision, dated November 19, 2003, of the Primary Examiner rejecting Claims 1-19 and 39-41.

Please charge the appeal fee of \$320.00, any processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 16-2480 in the name of The Procter & Gamble Company, Patent Division. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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